

Title: Need to accord approval to Rural Poverty Reduction Project of Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had forwarded a proposal titled Andhra Pradesh Rural Poverty Reduction Project to the Department of Economic Affairs for forwarding the same to the World Bank. On the advice of Department of Economic Affairs, the project proposal was sent to the Ministry of Rural Development and the Planning Commission to obtain 'in principle' clearance. After obtaining the clearance, the project has again been sent to the Department of Economic Affairs. This project is of considerable importance to the State because it not only aims to alleviate rural poverty but also focuses on the most backward areas.

I, therefore, request the hon. Finance Minister to kindly expedite the processing of the project proposal by the Department of Economic Affairs and to forward it to the World Bank at the earliest.